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H. R. 839

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the feasibility of enlarging the Arthur V. Watkins Dam Weber Basin Project, Utah, to provide additional water for the Weber Basin Project to fulfill the purposes for which that project was authorized.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 6, 2007

Mr. BISHOP of Utah introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Arthur V. Watkins
5 Dam Enlargement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Arthur V. Watkins Dam is a feature of the
2 Weber Basin Project, which was authorized by law
3 on August 29, 1949.

4 (2) Increasing the height of Arthur V. Watkins
5 Dam and construction of pertinent facilities may
6 provide additional storage capacity for the develop-
7 ment of additional water supply for the Weber Basin
8 Project for uses of municipal and industrial water
9 supply, flood control, fish and wildlife, and recre-
10 ation.

11 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF FEASIBILITY STUDY.**

12 The Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bu-
13 reau of Reclamation, is authorized to conduct a feasibility
14 study on raising the height of Arthur V. Watkins Dam
15 for the development of additional storage to meet water
16 supply needs within the Weber Basin Project area and the
17 Wasatch Front. The feasibility study shall include such
18 environmental evaluation as required under the National
19 Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et
20 seq.) and a cost allocation as required under the Reclama-
21 tion Project Act of 1939 (43 U.S.C. 485 et seq.).

22 **SEC. 4. COST SHARES.**

23 (a) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the
24 costs of the study authorized in section 3 shall not exceed
25 50 percent of the total cost of the study.

1 (b) IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS.—The Secretary shall
2 accept, as appropriate, in-kind contributions of goods or
3 services from the Weber Basin Water Conservancy Dis-
4 trict. Such goods and services accepted under this section
5 shall be counted as part of the non-Federal cost share for
6 the study.

7 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

8 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
9 retary \$1,000,000 for the Federal cost share of the study
10 authorized in section 3.

11 **SEC. 6. SUNSET.**

12 The authority of the Secretary to carry out any provi-
13 sions of this Act shall terminate 10 years after the date
14 of the enactment of this Act.

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